

**Questions Submitted to DECD on behalf of GOC regarding Status of Actions on OPEGA
Recommendations Not Fully Addressed from 2006 Report on Economic Development Programs**

Please provide written response from DECD on each of the Findings/Recommendations listed in the attached document.

1. Do you have any comments or updates on OPEGA's summarization of the status of actions on the recommendation?
2. If it appears that some action was intended to be taken but was not, is there anything in particular the GOC should be aware of as to why the intended action was not taken? (As we discussed, it's not necessary to try to delve into history too much but if there is anything specific that was ultimately decided about whether to take action or not – or an unexpected barrier arose – that would be good to know.)
3. For recommendations that have not been addressed or only partially addressed, what is DECD's position on whether action should be taken to implement them?
 - a. Are the recommendations workable and reasonable for addressing the Finding (issue) identified?
 - b. Are there alternate solutions (actions) that would be preferable to address the Finding (issue) identified?
 - c. What actions, if any, would DECD be willing to commit to taking to implement the recommendations or alternative solutions?
 - d. What challenges would DECD anticipate in implementing the recommendation or an alternative solution?
 - e. Would legislation be desirable or necessary to implement the recommendation or an alternative solution?
4. With regard to Finding 1, what suggestions does DECD have for addressing the issues that have arisen with the independent evaluation of economic development programs and research and development programs? Also any comments or suggestions on the potential overlap between the independent evaluations required of DECD and the legislative Tax Expenditure Review process anticipated in LD 941 as amended?

Have requested that response be provided for GOC's August meeting.